

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A pre-rinse assembly in shipping package, comprising:
  - a first rigid substrate rendered porous to the passage of air therethrough;
  - a tension spring resting on said substrate;
  - a flexible steel hose disposed through said spring;
  - a rigid shell configured and disposed to cover said spring and said hose and rest against said substrate; and
  - a sheet of flexible material shrink-wrapped over said shell and said substrate and holding said shell against said substrate.
2. (Currently amended) A product as in claim 1, further comprising:
  - a water impermeable sleeve lining the interior of said flexible steel hose; and
  - a connection fitting connected to one end of said flexible steel hose, which is [[and]] at least partially surrounded by a portion of said tension spring.
3. (Previously presented) A product as in claim 1, wherein said shell is composed of material comprising polyvinylchloride having a basis weight of about 1,050 kilograms per cubic meter.
4. (Original) A product as in claim 1, wherein said flexible material comprises a polyethylene having a basis weight in the range of about 920 kilograms per cubic meter to about 950 kilograms per cubic meter.
- 5 – 13. (Withdrawn)